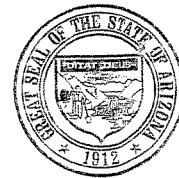




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Dear Willow Flycatcher Surveyor/Interested Party:

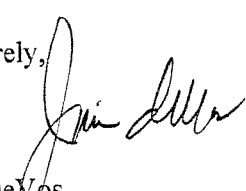
Once again the southwestern willow flycatcher survey season is fast approaching. If you are planning to survey for southwestern willow flycatchers within Arizona we ask that you review the list of survey locations from 2005. Please fill out the "Survey Confirmation Form" indicating those sites you will be surveying in 2006, as well as those sites that you surveyed last year and will not be surveying in 2006. Indicate new sites that are not listed and provide a description of where the surveys will be conducted (please fax to 602 789-3918 or mail to the above letterhead address). Please submit the confirmation form and map by **May 15, 2006**. Information you provide will be used to coordinate and prioritize statewide survey efforts.

Any individual performing southwestern willow flycatcher surveys is required to attend a survey training workshop prior to acquiring a federal endangered species subpermit or a state Scientific Collecting Permit. If you intend to conduct surveys during the 2006 season and do not currently hold the necessary permits, you will need to apply for them from the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Arizona Game and Fish Department as soon as possible.

The 13th annual Arizona Southwestern Willow Flycatcher Survey Training Workshop is approaching. Space for the workshop is limited and reservations will be made on a first come, first-served basis. The workshop is close to capacity so we ask you to register only if you plan on conducting surveys. The training workshop will be held May 3 in Catalina, AZ (just north of Tucson) and May 4 on the San Pedro River (just south of Dudleyville). The first day begins at 12:00 noon and will conclude at 5:00 pm. The following day will begin at 6:30 am with a visit to an occupied willow flycatcher breeding location and will conclude in the late morning.

Contact us for information on prior survey routes and site names for an area. Prior to conducting surveys this season, remember to acquire landowner permission. Please contact Lisa Ellis at 602 789-3584 when willow flycatchers are detected or color bands are resighted. Original copies of completed survey forms (current copies enclosed) for all surveys conducted in Arizona must be submitted to Lisa Ellis, Research Branch, at the letterhead address by **August 1, 2006**. All statewide survey data will be included in our 2006 annual report. If you are interested in attending and would like information about the Arizona Southwestern Willow Flycatcher Survey Training Workshop, please contact Heather English at 602 789-3594 or henglish@azgfd.gov.

Sincerely,


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Enclosures

